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Subj: COMMAND OPERATIONS REPORT 2011

Ref: (a) OPNAVINST 5750.12J

1. Per Reference (a) this command history is submitted for calendar year 2011.

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R. A. ACEVEDO

USS SHOUP (DDG 86)
Command History

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USS SHOUP (DDG 86)
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SECTION 1 - COMMAND COMPOSITION DATA

Name: USS SHOUP

Unit Identification Code: 22994

Commanding Officer: Acevedo, A. Rafael, CDR USN
Date Assumed Command: 30 June 2011

Previous Commanding Officer: Nadeau, M. Joe, CDR USN
Dates in Command: 19 December 2009 - 30 June 2011

Home Port: Everett, Washington

Immediate Superior In Command:
(Operational) Commander, Carrier Strike Group Nine
(Administrative) Commander, Destroyer Squadron Nine

Assigned To:
Destroyer Squadron Nine
Members Include: USS SHOUP (DDG 86)
USS MOMSEN (DDG 92)
USS STERETT (DDG 104)
USS FORD (FFG 54)
USS INGRAHAM (FFG 61)
USS RODNEY M. DAVIS (FFG 60).

Carrier Strike Group Nine
Members Include: USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN (CVN 74), USS CAPE ST GEORGE (CG 71) and all ships assigned to DESRON 9

Number of Personnel Assigned: 283 Crewmembers
Officers: 32
Enlisted: 251
Civilian: 0

Command Point of Contact

LTJG (b) (6)

Navigator

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SECTION 2 - COMMANDER'S ASSESSMENT

2011 saw SHOUP continue its legacy of operational excellence, both deployed and in an extended Dry-Docking Selected Restricted Availability (DSRA). SHOUP faced a challenging schedule of training, deployment to the FIFTH and SEVENTH Fleet Areas of Responsibility (AOR), and working in a civilian shipyard environment 40 miles from homeport.

The first quarter of the year was filled with anti-piracy operations in the vicinity of the Gulf of Aden, humanitarian missions in the Indian Ocean, and CNO assigned port visits to Australia for Aegis school ship in preparation for the Royal Australian Navy's purchase of its first Aegis ships. That excitement was followed by the challenges associated with preparing and executing a 27 million dollar maintenance availability, the first dry docking of SHOUP since her commissioning in 2002.

Through her unparalleled success during deployment, flying the flag in ports around the world, ensuring sea lanes remained open, fostering continued relationships with Coalition and Allied forces, and executing a monumental maintenance availability, SHOUP excelled in all tasking in 2011. SHOUP's Sailors and their loving supporting families truly emulated General Shoup's call, "Victory Comes Through Perseverance."

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SECTION 3 - CHRONOLOGY AND NARRATIVE

JANUARY

1-31: Deployed in FIFTH FLEET
2: Conducted RAS
3: Conducted 5" PACFIRE
15: Conducted RAS
20-24: Conducted Port Visit in Oman

FEBRUARY

1-31: Deployed in SEVENTH FLEET
8: Crossed Equator Southbound
15-18: Port Visit Fremantle, Australia
23-26: Port Visit Hobart, Australia
28: Port Visit Melbourne, Australia

MARCH

1-28: Deployed in SEVENTH and THIRD FLEETS
1-7: Port Visit Melbourne, Australia
12: Crossed International Dateline Eastbound
13: Inport for BSF, Pago Pago, American Samoa
19-20: Inport for BSF, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii
20-27: Transit Pacific Ocean Eastbound
28: Return to Naval Station Everett
29-31: Begin Post Deployment Leave and Upkeep Period

APRIL

1-29: Post-deployment Leave and Upkeep Period
30: Inport Everett, Washington

MAY

1-17 Inport Everett, Washington
4: LCDR Cesari assumes the duties and responsibilities as Executive Officer
5: Conducted Fast Cruise
18: Underway from Everett, WA transit to Naval Magazine, Indian Island
19: Inport Indian Island, WA for weapons on-load
20: Underway from Indian Island, WA to Puget Sound
20-27: Underway for OPFOR/Transit to San Diego, CA
26: Conducted RAS with USNS Yukon
28-31: Inport San Diego, CA

JUNE

1-9: Underway from San Diego, CA transit to Everett, WA
10-12: Inport Everett, WA
13-15: Tiger Cruise in Puget Sound
16-19: Inport Everett, WA
20-23: Conducted TYCOM Readiness Assessment
24-28: Inport Everett, WA
29: Underway from Everett, WA transit to Indian Island, WA
30: Underway, conducted Change of Command Ceremony; CDR Rafael Acevedo relieved CDR Michael Nadeau as Commanding Officer

JULY

1: Underway from Indian Island, WA to Everett, WA
2-5: Inport Everett, WA
6: Underway from Everett, WA to Seattle, WA
7-24: Inport Seattle, WA preparing the ship to enter dry-dock
25: Entered dry-dock at Vigor Shipyards, Seattle, WA
26-31: Dry-dock, Vigor Shipyards, Seattle, WA

AUGUST

1-30: Dry-dock, Vigor Shipyards, Seattle, WA

SEPTEMBER

1-30: Dry-dock, Vigor Shipyards, Seattle, WA

OCTOBER

1-31: Dry-dock, Vigor Shipyards, Seattle, WA

NOVEMBER

1-30: Dry-dock, Vigor Shipyards, Seattle, WA
29: Crew moved from berthing barge back onboard

DECEMBER

1-31: Dry-dock, Vigor Shipyards, Seattle, WA

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SECTION 4 - SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION INDEX

The following documents provide significant data about the command for calendar year 2011.

- 1) Battle Excellence Award Submission
- 2) Maritime Warfare Excellence Summary
- 3) Engineering/Survivability Excellence Summary
- 4) C4I Excellence Summary
- 5) Logistics Management Excellence Summary
- 6) CNSF Ship Safety Excellence Summary



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From: Commanding Officer, USS SHOUP (DDG 86)
To: Commander, Destroyer Squadron NINE

Subj: BATTLE EFFICIENCY AWARD SUBMISSION

Ref: (a) COMNAVSURFORINST 3502.1 (Series) (SURFORTRAMAN)
(b) CDS9INST 3501.1E

Encl: (1) Maritime Warfare Excellence Award Summary
(2) Engineering/Survivability Excellence Award Summary
(3) Command, Control, Communications and Information Warfare
Excellence Award Summary
(4) Logistics Management Excellence Award Summary
(5) CNSF Ship Safety Excellence Award Summary

1. Enclosures (1) through (5) (Note: as applicable) are submitted per references (a) and (b).

2. Per references (a) and (b), the following minimum criteria have been met by USS SHOUP (DDG 86):

a. Maintained eligibility for Command Excellence Awards as outlined in enclosures (1) through (5), with waivers requested in the enclosures.

b. Maintained a continued high state of operational readiness.

c. Failed no major qualification or certification during the competitive cycle.

d. Maintained currency of all qualifications and certifications.

e. Demonstrated a high state of safety awareness in all phases of shipboard operations.

3. During the competitive period for Calendar Year 2011, USS SHOUP (DDG 86):

a. SHOUP has exhibited continuous excellence in performance of her duties in an operational environment as evidenced by the following:

(1) Set the standard for ships across the waterfront during the unit level training cycle by completing 3M assessment with an overall score of 90.40 percent and certifying all major warfare areas not waived by COMNAVSURFOR due to weapon system upgrades.

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(2) Superior performance of operational duties during COMCARSTKGRU THREE SUSTEX, executing coordinated multi-warfare exercises while acting as OPFOR, providing the highest levels of operational support. The result was a highly successful SUSTEX conducted in the Southern California area of operations.

(3) SHOUP's Surface Warfare training program is robust and focused on operational effectiveness. This aggressive, multi-faceted approach to excellence ensured SHOUP's leadership is among the best trained in the Navy. SHOUP division officers consistently excelled at the Surface Warfare Officer School and five Chief Petty Officers and First Class Petty Officers earned their Officer of the Deck qualification.

(4) SHOUP's persistence to producing the best AEGIS tactics and training excellence was proven in SHOUP's hand-selection by C7F to provide training to our Australian allies. During this event, SHOUP's Combat Systems Training Team (CSTT) provided familiarization to the officers and crew of over 60 Royal Australian Navy service members in preparation to operate the first Australian AEGIS Air Warfare Destroyer.

3. SHOUP is the best candidate for the 2011 Destroyer Squadron NINE Battle Effectiveness award, and I respectfully request your consideration of this letter and its enclosures in making your decision.



R. A. ACEVEDO

Commander Naval Surface Force

Maritime Warfare (Power Projection/Sea Control) Excellence Award

1. Throughout 2011, USS SHOUP (DDG 86) demonstrated superior proficiency in all areas of Maritime Warfare, preparedness, and training, to include successful completion of a rigorous seven month deployment to the C5F, C6F, and C7F, areas of operation.
2. SHOUP maintained all Maritime Warfare mission areas at M2 or better.
 - a. Completed a highly successful ULTRA-S in April 2010. All warfare areas were recertified and maintained during the competitive cycle.
 - b. Cruise Missile Tactical Qualification was maintained during the competitive cycle.
 - c. NSFS FIREX I completed in May 2010 with a score of 94.1% or Outstanding. FIREX I was not completed in 2011 due to operational commitments and DSRA SHOUP.
 - d. Aviation Readiness Qualification was maintained during the competitive cycle with the exception of DSRA.
 - e. No negligent discharges, loss of ordnance accountability, or explosive mishaps occurred in Calendar Year 2011.
 - f. No collisions or groundings occurred during the competitive cycle.
 - g. Search and Rescue (SAR) certification was maintained during the competitive cycle.
3. SHOUP's QUALCERT and OHSAT programs are well established and fully operational. All MHE/OHE gear is certified and weight tested, and all ordnance handlers are qualified under the QUALCERT program. All magazines are certified for use and storage of ammunition. SHOUP was authorized to carry and move all applicable ammunition throughout the competitive cycle.
4. During the competitive cycle SHOUP completed numerous USW, gunnery, VBSS, and SUW exercises, firing over 1500 rounds of CIWS, 83 rounds of 5", 770 rounds of 25mm and over 20,000 Crew Served Weapons rounds to maintain 100 percent crew proficiency.
5. SHOUP's Anti-Terrorism Team performed superbly during four foreign port visits, and executed high-visibility CNO port visits in Australia and Pago Pago in March 2011. SHOUP's preparation for these high interest events allowed numerous VIP's and several hundred visitors to tour the ship safely and securely. SHOUP also maintained ATPF certification throughout the competitive.
6. SHOUP participated in 22 C5F TLAM exercises, four C7F TLAM exercises, five TTGP SLAMEX events and over 30 in-house training exercises. SHOUP has completed all tasking on time, on target, and has kept installed equipment at maximum readiness throughout the year.

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7. SHOUP's gunnery teams flawlessly kept all weapons systems at maximum readiness throughout the year, including the Mk 45 5" Gun, Close-In Weapons System, and all small arms and crew served weapons.

8. SHOUP performed superbly in all areas of Maritime Warfare throughout the reporting period and is clearly deserving of the Maritime Warfare Excellence Award for 2011.

Commander Naval Surface Force

Engineering/Survivability Excellence Award

1. Throughout 2011 USS SHOUP (DDG 86) demonstrated superior performance in Engineering/Survivability through an extensive training program and meticulous adherence to sound engineering practices and procedural compliance.

a. MOB-E, MOB-D, and 3M certifications were maintained within periodicity and at proficiency level M-2 or above for the entire competitive cycle.

b. No reportable spills of oil or other pollutants occurred during calendar year 2011.

c. All critical administrative programs were maintained as effective during calendar year 2011 as verified by the Afloat Training Group Training Readiness Assessment (TRA), May 2011.

2. The technical expertise and perseverance of SHOUP's Engineers ensured full Engineering and Damage Control readiness for all mission tasking during CCSG9 Deployment, CCSG3 SUSTEX, and unit level underway training.

3. SHOUP's Engineering Department exemplifies professionalism and technical excellence at all times. SHOUP is clearly deserving of this prestigious award.

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Commander Naval Surface Force
Command, Control, Communications, and
Electronic Warfare Excellence Award

1. USS SHOUP (DDG 86) demonstrated superior performance in Command, Control, Communications, Combat Systems, Electronic Warfare and Information Warfare (C4I) through an extensive training program and aggressive Combat Systems Training Team, spanning a rigorous deployment to C5F, C6F, C7F areas of responsibility. SHOUP set the standard for excellence in C4I across multiple warfare areas.

a. CCC, CRY, and INT certifications were maintained within periodicity and at proficiency level M-2 or above for the entire competitive cycle.

b. The AN/SLQ-32 SESEF maintenance check was completed, however, certification was not granted during the competitive cycle and expired on 01JUL11 due to technical difficulties on the range in JUN11. A firmware upgrade was completed in OCT 2011 to correct this fleet-wide Electronics Surveillance Enhanced (ESE) Processor issue, and SHOUP expects to complete the range certification following her 2011-2012 DSRA.

2. Command, Control, and Communications Training.

a. Successfully completed a seven-month deployment conducting Air Defense, Counter-Piracy, Cyber Warfare, Theater Security Cooperation with multiple countries.

b. SHOUP participated in a Fleet Commander directed communications exercise, maintaining the highest standards of connectivity throughout, and was praised for her preparation and readiness of the Fleet Commander's exercise.

c. SHOUP completed three Monthly Inport Training Exercises in support of continuous certification.

d. SHOUP completed a Command Network Defense In-Depth Baseline Assessment Certification May 2011, receiving a score of Outstanding, and maintained a virus free NIPRNET and SIPRNET throughout the competitive cycle. SHOUP created and trained a Cyber-Defense Syndicate, integrating network defense into the tactical training process, and maintained focus on the asymmetrical threat.

e. SHOUP flawlessly maintained the GIG-E Local Area Network, providing vital feedback to the installation process and continuous maintenance support to SPAWAR. SHOUP executed the Navy's first GIG-E migration to a berthing barge with no outside assistance, and created a whitepaper with comprehensive guidance to aid other ships executing future GIG-E LAN moves.

3. SHOUP's performance during ABRAHAM LINCOLN Strike Group's operations, and Joint/Multi-National exercises exemplified excellence in C4I systems. SHOUP is clearly deserving of this prestigious award.

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Commander Naval Surface Force Logistics Management Excellence Award

1. SHOUP is submitted for the Calendar Year 2011 Logistics Management Excellence Award. SHOUP meets all requirements for this award per reference (a). A Supply Management Certification (SMC) was conducted 01-03 June 2010. All standards were met and maintained through CY 2012, specifically:

a. Supply Management. SHOUP earned an overall Supply Management Certification grade of "SATISFACTORY" in 2010. As a result of the inspection it is was recommended that USS SHOUP (DDG 86) be certified and deemed ready to deploy.

b. Stores Management. The General Stores Division (S-1) earned an overall score of 87.18 percent in the 2010 SMC with an adjective grade of "SATISFACTORY." The total amount of DLR carcass charges and DLR surveys did not exceed five percent of DLR obligations threshold. Notably SHOUP's MOF was assessed at 99.45 percent for stock, 98.4 percent for DTO and 100 percent for Pack-up Kit, with no losses of accountability.

c. Food Service Management. The Food Service Division (S-2) earned an overall score of 91.43 percent with an adjective grade of "EXCELLENT". In the functional area of accountability S-2 Division earned a 96.57 percent and an adjective grade of "OUTSTANDING", with 100 percent inventory validity on the spot inventory.

d. Retail Operations Management. The Sales and Services Division (S-3) earned an overall score of 98.46 percent, with an adjective grade "OUTSTANDING" during the 2010 SMC. There were no Level 3 losses in CY 2011 and the ship generated \$50,000 in MWR contributions.

e. Disbursing Management. Fleet Industrial Supply Centers, Field Examination Group, conducted a surprise Disbursing Audit 01 July 2011. Disbursing (S-4) earned an overall score of "SATISFACTORY." There was no loss of funds or accountability in CY 2011.

f. Post Office Management. Postal Operations earned an overall score of 98.37 percent for an adjective grade of "OUTSTANDING" in the 2010 SMC. There were no losses of accountability in CY 2010.

g. Aviation Readiness. The aviation PUK off-load inventory conducted by NAVSUPO NAS North Island on 05 July 2011 revealed zero Pack-up Kit inventory discrepancies and 100 percent inventory validity.

h. There was no loss of accountability in any area during the competitive cycle.

2. The Supply Department has continued to provide the best logistics support possible to the crew of USS SHOUP, excelling in all major areas and exceeding TYCOM benchmarks for the Stores, Food Service, Retail, and Disbursing Operations. SHOUP is an excellent candidate for the CY 2011 LOGISTICS MANAGEMENT EXCELLENCE AWARD.

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Commander Naval Surface Force

Ship Safety Excellence Award

1. In accordance with reference (a), SHOUP is eligible in all respects for the CNSF Surface Ship Safety Award.

Specifics:

a. A formal Navy Safety Center Survey was satisfactorily completed on 10 July 2009. SHOUP is within 36 month periodicity.

b. Safety stand-downs were held in March 2011, October 2011, and November 2011. The first stand-down focused on a comprehensive review of electrical safety and tag-out procedures. Trainers used lessons learned from a February 2011 fleet electrical safety Class "A" mishap, and included a presentation on gas-free engineering. The second was a general shipboard safety and personal protective equipment stand-down that focused on Fleet mishap reduction lessons learned and included a separate presentation on aggressive driving and driving under the influence given by the Seattle Police Department. The third safety stand-down focused on winter recreational safety and reducing stress and depression during the holiday season.

c. SHOUP has not had a Class "A" mishap during the course of the competitive period.

d. In accordance with reference (a), a Mishap Reduction Effort lessons learned message (DTG:021200ZDEC2011) to the Naval Safety Center was submitted.

e. The functional area of HAZMAT during SHOUP's most recent Supply Management Certification received a score of 81.69%, resulting in an adjective grade of "SATISFACTORY."

f. Safety Council and Safety Committee meetings are held on a quarterly basis and are documented via muster sheets and minutes. Likewise, when a helicopter detachment was embarked (JAN-MAR11), FOD council meetings were held on a routine basis and documented via muster sheets and minutes.

g. NAVOSH programs: All critical programs were deemed effective during SHOUP's Training Readiness Assessment in May 2011.

h. An effective motor vehicle/motorcycle/recreation/off-duty safety training program is in place and continually receives high emphasis. All SHOUP motorcycle riders are registered in the required Enterprise Safety Application Management System (ESAMS) program, and motorcycle riders are now identified and populated in the command ESAMS census as part of command check-in. All riders have been current in required schools through 2011. SHOUP has 136 personnel that qualify for the Driver Improvement Program.

i. No reportable spill has occurred during the competitive period.

j. ORM is a daily part of life on SHOUP. A strictly enforced rule for briefing all shipboard evolutions is a full ORM review. Rather than simply

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reading through the presentation, briefers are challenged to review their ORM on the spot and make adjustments according to changing requirements or conditions. Deckplate leaders are also required to provide pre-evolution safety briefs.

k. COSR certification was maintained during the competitive period and last assessed 4 February 2010.

l. The Ordnance Handling Safety Assist Team (OHSAT) certification remains within periodicity.

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SECTION 5 - PUBLISHED DOCUMENTS

Commanding Officer's Biography
Executive Officer's Biography
Command Master Chief's Biography
USS SHOUP Namesake, General David M. Shoup
USS SHOUP Website Front Page
2011 USS SHOUP Public Affairs

COMMANDING OFFICER'S BIOGRAPHY



CDR Ray Acevedo
Commanding Officer
USS SHOUP (DDG 86)

CDR Acevedo was born in (b) (6) and raised in (b) (6). After attending the Naval Academy Preparatory School in 1991, he was accepted to the United States Naval Academy where he graduated with a B.S. in Political Science and received his commission in 1995.

His first tour of duty was aboard USS NICHOLAS (FFG 47) where he served as the Combat Information Center Officer, and later as the Communications Officer and Assistant Operations Officer, deploying twice to the EUCOM and CENTCOM Areas of responsibility (AORs).

In April 2000, CDR Acevedo reported to USS MITSCHER (DDG 57) as the Operations Officer, and then subsequently to Commander, Destroyer Squadron NINE as the Staff Operations Officer.

CDR Acevedo's tours ashore include the Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, CA, where he earned Master's Degrees in Business Administration and Information Systems Technology, and on the staff of Commander, SECOND Fleet as the TLAM Tactics and Experimentation Officer.

In June 2008, CDR Acevedo reported to USS SHOUP (DDG 86) as the Executive Officer. USS SHOUP deployed twice to the PACOM and CENTCOM AORs in support of Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom as part of the ABRAHAM LINCOLN Strike Group. He assumed duties as Commanding Officer of USS SHOUP (DDG 86) on 30 June 2011.

CDR Acevedo's awards include the Navy Commendation Medal (five awards); Navy Achievement Medal and various unit and service awards.

EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S BIOGRAPHY



CDR Jill Cesari
Executive Officer
USS SHOUP (DDG 86)

CDR Cesari is a graduate of (b) (6) in (b) (6). In 1992 she reported to the United States Naval Academy and graduated in 1996 with a Bachelor of Science degree.

Her first tour was aboard USS DECATUR (DDG 73). She was a part of the commissioning crew and served as Ordnance Officer. In September 1999, CDR Cesari reported to USS CORONADO (AGF 11) where she served as Combat Information Center Officer and Assistant Operations Officer.

In June 2001, CDR Cesari became a member of the Leadership, Education and Development Program (LEAD) in Annapolis, Maryland and earned a Master of Science degree in Leadership and Human Resource Development, awarded by the Naval Postgraduate School. In June 2002, she became the Fourth Company Officer at the United States Naval Academy where she also taught naval leadership to first and third year midshipmen.

CDR Cesari reported to USS ROBERT G. BRADLEY (FFG 49) in August 2004, and served as Operations Officer. In April 2005, ROBERT G. BRADLEY deployed to the Western Caribbean and Eastern Pacific for counter-narcotics operations. In March 2006, she reported to USS CAPE ST GEORGE (CG 71) while the ship was deployed to the Horn of Africa for counter-piracy operations. She served as Operations Officer and assisted in planning the ship's homeport shift from Norfolk, Virginia to San Diego, California.

In July 2007, CDR Cesari reported to Commander, U.S. SEVENTH Fleet, embarked aboard USS BLUE RIDGE (LCC 19), and served as Flag Secretary. During her tour she had the privilege of traveling to twelve Pacific Rim nations and participated in five joint and combined exercises.

She reported to the Naval War College in August 2009. She earned a Master of Arts in National Security and Strategic Studies and completed her Joint Professional Military Education (JPME II).

In April 2011 she reported to USS SHOUP(DDG 86) and is serving as Executive Officer. CDR Cesari's awards include Meritorious Service Medal, Navy Commendation Medal, Navy Achievement Medal and various unit and service awards.

COMMAND MASTER CHIEF'S BIOGRAPHY



Command Master Chief
Surface Warfare
Rick A. Helwick
United States Navy

Master Chief Rick A. Helwick was raised in (b) (6) and enlisted in the Navy on 10 April 1988. He completed Recruit Training in Great Lakes, Illinois and Operations Specialist "A" School in Dam Neck, Virginia.

His sea duty assignments include PCU/USS ABRAHAM LINCOLN (CVN 72), plank-owner, USS STETHEM (DDG 63), PCU MCCAMPBELL (DDG 85), USS HIGGINS (DDG 76), USS BENFOLD (DDG 65), USS SHILOH (CG 67), USS CHANCELLORSVILLE (CG 62), USS COMSTOCK (LSD 45), USS SHOUP (DDG 86). He has completed seven Western Pacific Deployments in support of OPERATION DESERT STORM, OPERATION SOUTHERN WATCH, OPERATIONS IRAQI FREEDOM, SEA SWAP INITIATIVE, and OPERATION ENDURING FREEDOM.

Shore duty assignments include Naval Weapons Station Concord, California as Military Police and Sydney, Australia Personnel Exchange Program as instructor at HMAS WATSON, training command.

Master Chief Helwick was selected to the Command Master Chief program in January 2009 and completed the Senior Enlisted Academy and Command Master Chief courses in May 2009.

His personal awards include the Meritorious Service Medal (two awards), the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (two awards), Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (four awards) and various unit and campaign awards.

Master Chief Helwick is married to the former (b) (6) of (b) (6) and has three children, (b) (6)

USS SHOUP NAMESAKE: GENERAL DAVID MONROE SHOUP, USMC



General David Monroe Shoup served as the twenty-second Commandant of the Marine Corps from January 1, 1960 until his retirement from active service, December 31, 1963. The General was born December 30, 1904, at Battle Ground, Indiana. A 1926 graduate of DePauw University, Greencastle, Indiana, he was a member of the Reserve Officers' Training Corps at the University. He served for a month as a Second Lieutenant in the Army Infantry Reserve before he was commissioned a Marine Second Lieutenant on July 20, 1926. After serving in China during most of 1927, he completed Basic School in 1928. He then served at Quantico, Virginia; Pensacola, Florida; and San Diego, California. From June 1929 to September 1931, Lieutenant Shoup was assigned to the Marine detachment aboard the USS MARYLAND. By coincidence, the USS MARYLAND was the flagship for the assault on Tarawa 12 years later -- providing emergency Naval gunfire support with her 16-inch guns early on D-Day. On his return from sea duty, he served as a Company Officer at the Marine Corps Base (later Marine Corps Recruit Depot), San Diego, until May 1932 when he was ordered to the Puget Sound Navy Yard, Bremerton, Washington. He was promoted to First Lieutenant in June 1932. Lieutenant Shoup served on temporary duty with the Civilian Conservation Corps in Idaho and New Jersey from June 1933 to May 1934. Following duty in Seattle, Washington, he was again ordered to China in November 1934, serving briefly with the Fourth Marines in Shanghai, and subsequently, at the American Legation in Peiping. He returned to the United States, via Japan, early in June 1936 and was again stationed at the Puget Sound Navy Yard. He was promoted to Captain in October 1936. Captain Shoup entered the Junior Course, Marine Corps Schools, Quantico, in July 1937. Upon completing the course in May 1938, he served as an instructor for two years. In June 1940, he joined the Sixth Marines in San Diego. He was promoted to Major in April 1941. One month later, Major Shoup was ordered to Iceland with the Sixth Marines and, after serving as Regimental Operations Officer, became Operations Officer of the 1st Marine Brigade in Iceland in October 1941. For his service in Iceland during the first three months after the United States entered World War II, he was awarded the Letter of Commendation with Commendation Ribbon.

He assumed command of the 2nd Battalion, Sixth Marines, in February 1942. Upon returning to the United States in March, the 1st Marine Brigade was disbanded and Major Shoup returned with this battalion to San Diego. In July 1942, he became Assistant Operations and Training Officer of the 2d Marine Division. He was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel in August 1942. As a Colonel, Shoup earned the nation's highest award, the Medal of Honor, while commanding the Second Marines, 2nd Marine Division, at Betio, a bitterly contested island of Tarawa Atoll. The British Distinguished Service Order was also awarded to him for this action. The following citation accompanied his award of the Medal of Honor: "For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his own life above and beyond the call of duty as Commanding Officer of all Marine Corps troops in action against enemy Japanese forces on Betio Island, Tarawa Atoll, and Gilbert Islands from November 20 to 22, 1943." Although severely shocked by an exploding shell soon after landing at the pier, and suffering from a serious painful leg wound which had become infected, Colonel Shoup fearlessly exposed himself to the terrific relentless artillery, and rallying his hesitant troops by his own inspiring heroism, gallantly led them across the fringing reefs to charge the heavily fortified island and reinforced our hard-pressed thinly-held lines. Upon arrival at the shore, he assumed command of all landed troops and, working without rest under constant withering enemy fire during the next two days conducted smashing attacks against unbelievably strong and fanatically defended Japanese positions despite innumerable obstacles and heavy casualties. Colonel Shoup's battle report from Tarawa stated simply: "Casualties many; Percentage of dead not known; Combat efficiency; we are winning." (Colonel David M. Shoup, USMC, Tarawa, 21 November 1943.) By his brilliant leadership, daring tactics, and selfless devotion to duty, Colonel Shoup was largely responsible for the final, decisive defeat of the enemy and his indomitable fighting spirit reflects great credit upon the United States Naval Service." General Shoup was the 25th Marine to receive the Medal of Honor in World War II. The late James V. Forrestal, then Secretary of the Navy, presented it to him on January 22, 1945. Sailing from San Diego aboard the USS MATSONIA in September 1942, Lieutenant Colonel Shoup arrived later that month at Wellington, New Zealand. From then until November 1943, he served as G-3, Operations and Training Officer of the 2nd Marine Division during its training period in New Zealand. His service in this capacity during the planning of the assault on Tarawa earned him his first Legion of Merit with Combat "V".

During this period he briefly served as an observer with the 1st Marine Division on Guadalcanal in October 1942 and with the 43d Army

Division on Rendova, New Georgia, in the summer of 1943, earning a Purple Heart in the latter operation. Promoted to Colonel November 9, 1943, Colonel Shoup was placed in command of the Second Marines (Reinforced), the spearhead of the assault on Tarawa. During this action he earned the Medal of Honor as well as a second Purple Heart. In December 1943, he became Chief of Staff of the 2nd Marine Division. For outstanding service in this capacity from June to August 1944, during the battles for Saipan and Tinian, he was again awarded the Legion of Merit with Combat "V". He returned to the United States in October 1944. Upon his return to the United States, Colonel Shoup served as Logistics Officer, Division of Plans and Policies, Headquarters Marine Corps. He was again ordered overseas in June 1947. Two months later he became Commanding Officer, Service Command, Fleet Marine Force, Pacific. In June 1949, he joined the 1st Marine Division at Camp Pendleton as Division Chief of Staff. A year later, Colonel Shoup was transferred to Quantico where he served as Commanding Officer of the Basic School from July 1950 until April 1952. He was then assigned to the Office of the Fiscal Director, Headquarters Marine Corps, and served as Assistant Fiscal Director. He was promoted Brigadier General in April 1953. In July 1953, General Shoup was named Fiscal Director of the Marine Corps. While serving in this capacity, he was promoted to Major General in September 1955. Subsequently, in May 1956, he began a brief assignment as Inspector General for Recruit Training. Following this assignment, he served as Inspector General of the Marine Corps from September 1956 until May 1957. He returned to Camp Pendleton in June 1957 to become Commanding General of the 1st Marine Division. General Shoup joined the 3rd Marine Division on Okinawa in March 1958 as Commanding General. Following his return to the United States, he served as Commanding General of the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, from May to October 1959. On November 2, 1959, he was promoted to Lieutenant General and assigned duties as Chief of Staff, Headquarters Marine Corps. General Shoup was nominated by President Dwight D. Eisenhower on August 12, 1959 to be the 22d Commandant of the Marine Corps, and the Senate confirmed his nomination for a four-year term. Upon assuming his post as Commandant of the Marine Corps on January 1, 1960, he was promoted to four-star rank. On January 21, 1964, shortly after his retirement, General Shoup was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal by President Lyndon B. Johnson for exceptionally meritorious service as Commandant of the Marine Corps.

The complete list of the General's medals and decorations includes: Medal of Honor, Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit with Combat "V", Gold Star in lieu of a second award, Letter of Commendation with Commendation Ribbon, Purple Heart with Gold Star in

lieu of a second award, Presidential Unit Citation, Yangtze Service Medal, Expeditionary Medal, American Defense Service Medal with Base clasp, European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with four bronze stars, American Campaign Medal, World War II Victory Medal, National Defense Service Medal, and the British Distinguished Service Order. General David Monroe Shoup died 13 January 1983, and was buried in Section 7-A of Arlington National Cemetery.

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USS Shoup Hosts Commander Joint Task Force 151

By Ens. Rhiannon Low, USS Shoup Public Affairs

USS Shoup, at sea - On Jan. 7, USS Shoup (DDG 86) hosted a luncheon for Admiral Abdul Aleem, Commodore Combined Joint Task Force 151, and the Captain and select crewmembers of Her Majesty's Ship Cromwell. Combined Joint Task Force 151 is an afloat command dedicated to anti-piracy operations off the coast of Northern Africa. Currently under the command of the Pakistani Navy, CTF 151 has been controlled by many nations and includes ships from Pakistan, Canada, the United States, Saudi Arabia, England's Royal Navy, and Holland. Commodore Aleem is from the Pakistan Naval headquarters in Islamabad.

Since CTF 151 is an afloat command, Commodore Aleem and his staff choose their flag ship and select ships to visit at sea, such as the Shoup. "I enjoy meeting so many nationalities and learning new customs," says LT Kamran, a member of Adm. Aleem's staff. "Living together is very unique; it builds strong global bonds of friendship." There are over four countries represented on CTF 151 staff.

The crewmembers from the Cromwell were taken on a tour by their counterparts on the Shoup and shown how operations and systems on Shoup differ from or match their own. Shoup crew members also went over to the Cromwell and experienced a day in the life of the Royal Navy.

After the luncheon, Admiral Aleem honored Shoup's new Enlisted Surface Warfare and Air Warfare qualified crewmembers by presiding over their pinning ceremony. The Admiral presented each member with their.

"Shoup has earned my total appreciation. In every task they have been assigned, they performed above and beyond expectations. I am thoroughly satisfied," said Admiral Aleem in his speech to the crew after the pinning ceremony. "I complement that you came from Seattle and San Diego, traveling thousands of miles, to help control and prevent incidences of piracy and terrorism at sea. This is a mission that can only be successfully completed by the combined efforts of the

international community and I am proud to serve in your company."

USS Shoup, homeported in Everett, Wash., is currently deployed to the 5th Fleet Area of Responsibility to oppose piracy in the waters off Northeast Africa.

USS Shoup Escorts Merchant Convoy

By Ens. Rhiannon Low, USS Shoup Public Affairs

USS Shoup, at sea - harkening back to convoy escort duties in the North Atlantic during World War II, on Jan. 13, USS Shoup (DDG 86) protected merchant ships of an originally South Korean convoy against piracy. The convoy, transiting west through the Gulf of Aden, consisted of eight ships from Malta, Hong Kong, the Marshall Islands, and Norway.

Shoup took over convoy duties early in the morning after the originally assigned convoy escort warship was called away on other tasking. Merchant ships have taken to convoys as a cooperative means to deter piracy in these ancient shipping lanes.

"In addition to the precautions that the ships took in preparation for their Gulf of Aden transit, we acted as a maritime security force to deter and prevent piracy," said Petty Officer Second Class (b) (6) from (b) (6). "We also verified safe navigation and controlled contact management for the convoy."

All of the ships in the convoy were ready to employ anti-piracy practices in accordance with the published Maritime Best Management Practices. These include all of the ships being rigged with alarms, wire that can energized, and firefighting equipment that can be used to thwart boarding pirates.

"Shoup's crew always enjoys rendering assistance to fellow mariners," said Captain Joe Nadeau from (b) (6). "By providing valuable peace of mind and protection throughout their transit of the Gulf of Aden, we had a direct positive impact on their voyage."

USS Shoup, homeported in Everett, Wash., is off the coast of Northern Africa on a routine deployment conducting anti-piracy operation as part of Command Task Force 151.

USS Shoup Visits Muscat, Oman

By Ens. Rhiannon Low, USS Shoup Public Affairs

USS Shoup, at sea - From Jan 23-26 USS Shoup (DDG 86) spent a relaxing and culturally eye opening port visit in Muscat, Oman. From watching women in black burkas shopping the open air souks, or marketplaces, to the men in white robes and colorfully embroidered hats holding hands with friends, Shoup sailors experienced a completely new culture that many had never seen before.

Pulling into Muscat offered beautiful views of the coast line highlighting a sculpture of a frankincense burner, commemorating the trade that made Oman rich and famous in its early years. The coastline's walkway was dotted with statues of dolphins and fish and featured stone gazebos and benches for shade and rest. Sailors could walk along the Muscat bay enjoying views of ancient ships moored in the water to one side and towering stone forts and extravagant marble mosques covered in ceramic designs on the other.

"My initial impression was one of awe; the geography was truly fascinating with its rocky islands and mountains topped with castles and forts," said Petty Officer (b) (6) from (b) (6). "I thoroughly enjoyed myself despite my culture shock and I wish we had more time there. I am sure we only scratched the surface and that there are many more interesting things to see and do that we didn't have time for."

Shoup's Morale, Welfare, and Recreation team organized a wide array of tour options for the crew ranging from visiting 16th and 17th century forts to desert camel rides. Nineteen sailors participated in 22 tours over the course of the 3 day visit.

"It was a pleasure to see the remnants of Oman's rich history. On the Nizwa Heritage Tour, knowledgeable tour guides taught us about the history and culture of their country while visiting the Nizwa Fort and Souk, Jabrin Fort, and the town of Bahla, pottery capital of Oman," said Lt. (b) (6) from (b) (6). "There were also great restaurants and shopping locations throughout Muscat that offered both traditional and Western food and wares."

USS Shoup, homeported in Everett, Wash., is currently on a routine deployment in the 5th Fleet Area of Responsibility.

USS Shoup Gets Fit... Boss

By Ens. Rhiannon Low, USS Shoup Public Affairs

USS Shoup, at sea - From Jan 30 - Feb 1, USS Abraham Lincoln (CVN 72) generously offered their Fit Boss to USS Shoup (DDG 86) to teach Shoup sailors some new exercises and support their physical fitness program.

Fit Boss, Jodi Metz, is a civilian stationed aboard the USS Abraham Lincoln. She holds several different classes onboard Lincoln every week, ranging from yoga to aerobics. Her classes help to keep the crew fit and knowledgeable about physical fitness techniques and benefits. As a valuable asset to the Lincoln, Ms. Metz was happy to visit Shoup and impart her knowledge onto Shoup sailors.

"I enjoy teaching fitness; I've been doing it for a long time and I find it really rewarding," said Jodi Metz from (b) (6). (b) (6). "Deployment has been a great experience though I look forward to returning home and spending time with my family and friends."

Fit Boss held aerobic and anaerobic classes for Shoup sailors during her time onboard. The classes focused on exercises that could be done in relatively confined spaces, such as resistance training. Shoup sailors enjoyed their time in the classes, playing music on the weather decks as they worked out in the sun.

"I got in a good workout. We did circuit training, which was new to me. I think it's something everyone should try. Some people think they are in great shape but, if you pushed yourself, the training was definitely hard and you learned your limits," said Petty Officer (b) (6) from (b) (6). "There were a lot of sore people walking around the ship after training with Fit Boss!"

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USS Shoup Hosts Virtual Captain's Cup

By Ens. Rhiannon Low, USS Shoup Public Affairs

USS Shoup, at sea - The crew of USS Shoup (DDG 86) recently took some time out of their busy deployment to hold a ship-wide Virtual Captain's Cup. The Captain's Cup is a time-honored naval tradition that is normally composed of a variety of athletic events. However, since the Shoup is deployed, the crew had to get a bit creative. Shoup's Morale, Welfare, and Recreation (MWR) Committee, led by Chief Sonar Technician (b) (6) from (b) (6), organized the competition comprised of interactive, athletic-based video games, including tennis, archery, bowling, golf, Frisbee, canoeing, and a basketball shootout.

"This was an opportunity to bring the Command together in a relaxed and fun atmosphere that truly increased the cohesion between Divisions," said Chief (b) (6).

The Cup was a hit with the sailors. Teams were made from each division, the Chief's Mess, and Wardroom. The event was set up over 8 days with one event per evening and a day for make ups.

"The Cup was a lot of fun. I think everyone who played enjoyed it," said Sonar Technician First Class (b) (6) from (b) (6). "It was interesting watching the Captain and Executive Officer play video games. We will definitely try to do it again before the end of deployment."

The event bolstered camaraderie within divisions and in the crew as a whole. Every division enthusiastically perused the Cup but the Culinary Specialists were able to clinch the title.

"This was a good event to bolster morale. It's something we can do together that doesn't pertain to work," said winning team's Fire Controlman First Class (b) (6) from (b) (6). before he and a fellow winner cheered, "Supply Department Division 2 - If you aren't first, you're last!"

Shoup, homeported in Everett, Wash., is currently on a routine deployment in the 5th Fleet Area of Responsibility.

US sailors help bushfire victims in Roleystone

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SHORE LEAVE: US Navy crew from the USS Shoup help bushfire victims clean up debris at Kelmscott and Roleystone. Picture: **Theo Fakos** Source: PerthNow

A SCORCHING 39C was not enough to deter more than 20 US navy sailors from helping the victims of the Roleystone bushfires.

Despite the hot weather the sailors from the USS SHOUP, which docked in Fremantle yesterday, got down and dirty, helping clear roads and parks in Kelmscott and Roleystone that were devastated by the bushfires.

[GALLERY: See pictures of the sailors helping the bushfire victims](#)

Led by (b) (6) born Commander Matthew Roberts, the sailors strapped on gloves and sturdy boots as they cleared burnt debris and tree branches from some of the worst affected areas.

Cmd Roberts and his colleagues have been hard at work since 9am this morning.

"It's been great we are having a great time," Cmd Roberts said.

"People from the neighbourhood have been bringing us water and making us lunch which is fantastic."

(b) (6), a missile technician on the ship was also among the sailors helping clear roads and parks in the stifling heat this afternoon.

"I come from (b) (6) and we get bushfires and extreme weather there quite often," Mr (b) (6) said.

"But this is normal for us, whenever we pull into port there is always volunteer work for us to do.

"We are just happy to help out."

City of Armadale Mayor Linton Reynolds said the help from the navy meant a lot to the council and local residents.

"It's very hot out here today and they have been working for a lot of hours," Mr Reynolds said.

"We are pushing a lot of water into them at the moment and maybe later we can have a few beers with them."

USS Shoup Goes Down Under

By Ens. Rhiannon Low, USS Shoup Public Affairs

USS Shoup, at sea - USS Shoup (DDG 86) pulled into Fremantle, Australia Feb. 15. This port visit is the first of a string of three Australian visits that the Shoup will enjoy on their way home from deployment.

"The crew looks forward to the beautiful weather and exotic foods offered in the Navy's most sought after liberty port." said Lt. (b) (6) from (b) (6). "Australia truly is the U.S.'s closest partner in the Oceania region and we are excited to be spending our hard earned liberty in the company of so many friendly faces."

Upon arrival, Shoup was greeted by the United States Consulate General, Aleisha Woodward, and the head of the Australian Naval Fleet. A conference with Captain Nadeau was arranged on the pier and the media was given a tour of the ship.

Shoup plans to participate in several community relations projects while in Fremantle. The sailors will have the opportunity to join a Fremantle Dockers and West Coast Eagles training session to learn Australian Rules football. The Executive Officer, Cdr. Matthew Roberts, kindly offered to assist the City of Armadale in the aftermath of devastating fires that destroyed many homes.

"This port visit is a great opportunity to give to a community so hard hit but the recent bush fires." said Cdr. Roberts from (b) (6). "Personally it's a wonderful chance to return to the country of my birth and help families and new friends."

Shoup is also proud to visit Australia on the 60th anniversary of the Anzus Treaty, a defense agreement signed in 1951 by the Australia, New Zealand, and the U.S. Following the events of the September 11th attacks, Australia invoked the Anzus Treaty sending over 1,500 troops to Afghanistan. Australia has fought beside the United States in every major war of the last century.

USS Shoup, homeported in Everett, Wash., is currently deployed to the 7th Fleet Area of Responsibility.

USS Shoup Visits Tasmania

By Ens. Rhiannon Low, USS Shoup Public Affairs

USS Shoup, at sea - USS Shoup, guided missile destroyer 86, pulled into Hobart, Tasmania, Australia Feb. 15. This is the first visit to Tasmania by a US warship in several years.

After traveling through rough seas to get to Tasmania, Shoup was greeted with calm waters and friendly faces. Shoup anchored just outside of Hobart.

"Pulling into port was interesting because it reminded many of pulling into Puget Sound and the U.S. North West where we are from," said (b) (6) the Operations Officer. "We look forward to interacting with the people and learning the culture in Tasmania."

Shoup plans to participate in a couple community relations projects while in Hobart. Sailors will visit a local high school and a children's hospital.

"Our sailors are very excited to interact with community," said Captain Joe Nadeau from (b) (6). "There are some sailors who are only participating in community relations projects while in Hobart because they loved the ones in Fremantle so much. The community response was overwhelming."

Shoup is also proud to visit Australia in the year of the 60th anniversary of the Anzus Treaty, a defense agreement signed in 1951 by the Australia, New Zealand, and the U.S. Australia has fought beside the United States in every major war of the last century.

USS Shoup, homeported in Everett, Wash., is currently deployed to the 7th Fleet Area of Responsibility.

USS Shoup in Melbourne

By Ens. Rhiannon Low, USS Shoup Public Affairs

USS Shoup, at sea - USS Shoup, guided missile destroyer 86, pulled into Melbourne, Australia Feb. 28. While in town, Shoup plans to participate in the Avalon Air Show, host several VIP and general public ship tours, and host a reception on deck to return the kind hospitality she has been shown in every Australian port.

Shoup's arrival in Melbourne was met with media and dignitaries including the United States Consulate General. A Welcome to Country ceremony was held for Shoup on the pier. This traditional Aboriginal ceremony blessed the ship and warded away evil spirits. Shoup was honored to experience a part of Australia's rich culture. A media tour was also held of the ship after interviews with the Captain and Air Boss.

Shoup is also proud to visit Australia in the year of the 90th anniversary of the Royal Australian Air Force. The Avalon Air Show is a chance to showcase the United States' prowess and promote interoperability between our two militaries.

"We are excited to participate in the 2011 Avalon International Air Show," said pilots (b) (6) and (b) (6). "This gives us a great opportunity to showcase the MH-60R helicopter while strengthening our strong ties to the Australian military."

Shoup is also assisting to familiarize the Royal Australian Navy to the Aegis weapons system. This will be a week full of joint exercises that will be mutually beneficial and promote interoperability throughout both of our Fleets.

USS Shoup, homeported in Everett, Wash., is currently deployed to the 7th Fleet Area of Responsibility.

USS Shoup visits American Samoa

By Ens. Rhiannon Low, USS Shoup Public Affairs

USS Shoup, at sea - USS Shoup (DDG 86) pulled into Pago Pago, American Samoa on Mar 13th. for routine refueling on their way home from a seven month deployment. In Shoup's short time in port, sailors were able to be of assistance and leave a positive impression on the local community. They were also able to experience Samoan hospitality at its finest.

"I am glad we were able to help the community, especially the children," said Chief (b) (6), Shoup's Community Relations Coordinator. "We were only in Pago Pago for 9 hours; to be able to get out into the community and have a positive impact in such a short timeframe is truly a success."

Shoup donated 25 boxes of medical supplies to the Marist St. Francis School run by the Salesian Sisters. Sister Josephine, the founder of the American Samoa branch of their convent was very appreciative and hosted lunch for the sailors who brought over the supplies. The lunch consisted of home cooked, traditional Samoan foods made from local gardens. Sister Carol, the Principal of the adjoined Catholic school, gave the sailors a tour of their facilities and talked about life in American Samoa. Sisters Josephine, Carol, Sovita, and Paula run the school and convent. They have been teaching in American Samoa for 8 years.

"We are very grateful for Shoup's generous donation," said Sister Josephine. "I know that we will put it to good use. We will share the supplies with the local senior home and hospital."

USS Shoup, homeported in Everett, Wash., is currently deployed to the 3th Fleet Area of Responsibility as part of a routine deployment.

USS Shoup Returns Home with an E6 and below Watch Team

By Ens. Rhiannon Low, USS Shoup Public Affairs

USS Shoup, at sea - As a result of USS SHOUP's (DDG 86) hard charging Sailors and their drive to excel, Captain Joe Nadeau was given the privilege of qualifying an all First Class Petty Officer watch team that stood all major watch controlling stations. In recognition of their impressive motivation and abilities, these First Class Petty Officers were given the honor of driving Shoup into Everett at the end of their 2010-2011 deployment. This elite team was built from the best the Shoup has to offer, from a broad range of different rates.

The Officer of the Deck, who is in charge running the bridge watch team and ensuring Shoup's safe return home, was Quartermaster First Class (b) (6) from (b) (6), whose normal responsibilities are ship safety and navigation.

"I have been working on my qualification as Officer of the Deck all Deployment. I am glad that the Commanding Officer had the trust and confidence in me to give me an OOD letter; it is an important pillar for my Naval Career," said Petty Officer (b) (6). "It was a fantastic experience to lead an all Petty Officer bridge team pulling the ship into homeport at the end of deployment. It is defiantly one of the highlights of my career."

Boatswain's Mate First Class (b) (6) from (b) (6), whose normal responsibilities are deck and boat seamanship, was the Junior Officer of the Deck.

"It's awesome to be part of the Elite team pulling SHOUP in from deployment," said Petty Officer (b) (6). "This is a once in a lifetime experience and I'm enjoying every moment of it!"

Gas-Turbine Systems Technician Mechanical First Class (b) (6) from (b) (6), who is normally in charge of operating, maintaining, and repairing Shoup's gas turbine engines, was the Conning Officer responsible for driving the ship into Everett.

"This is an amazing experience for me as an Engineer to use my seamanship eye instead my engineering expertise," said Petty Officer (b) (6). "I am extremely thankful to the entire chain of command for this amazing opportunity."

The Engineering Officer of the Watch, who is in control of the entire engineering plant, was Damage Controlman First Class (b) (6) from (b) (6), whose normal responsibilities are damage control, ship's stability, and chemical, biological, and radiological warfare defense.

"Becoming an EOOW has always been a career goal of mine. I thank my wife for making me focus on my goals and not letting me forget them," said Petty Officer (b) (6), and then with a smile and laugh he added, "Even through email she was encouraging me to go for it!"

Sonar Technician Surface First Class (b) (6) from (b) (6), whose normal responsibilities are operating sonar and other oceanographic systems and evaluating data on surface and subsurface contacts, was the Combat Information Center Watch Officer in charge of all communications and electronic navigation.

"Being able to fully man all controlling stations with First Class Petty Officers and below is a rare occasion," said Petty Officer (b) (6). "I am honored to be a part of bringing Shoup home in this fashion."

CDR Joe Nadeau, the Commanding Officer of SHOUP, was up front about SHOUP's team of hard charging Sailors. "It's not surprising really. SHOUP's success is placed squarely on the broad shoulders of our incredible Sailors. Having an all E6 and below watch team driving us home shows how awesome they ALL are. We couldn't succeed without them."

USS Shoup, homeported in Everett, Wash., recently returned from their deployment to the 5th, 6th, and 7th Fleet Areas of Operation.

USS Shoup Hosts Midshipmen in San Diego

By ENS Rhiannon Low, USS Shoup Public Affairs Officer

USS Shoup, at sea - Thirty eager Midshipmen checked aboard USS Shoup (DDG 86) on May 31 for a brief look into the Surface Warfare community. The thirty Mids started their day participating in the Sea and Anchor evolution to get underway from Naval Station San Diego. The Mids were stationed on the fo'cle and fantail of the ship to learn line handling commands and techniques under the mentorship of senior Bowsman Mates.

After leaving San Diego Harbor, Shoup headed toward San Clemente Island for a gun firing exercise. The Mids were able to watch how the 5" 54 caliber gun was controlled by experienced watchstanders in Combat Information Center and how the watch team in the pilot house maneuvered to position it close to shore while providing for safe of navigation.

Midshipmen (b) (6) from Embry Riddle University said, "I thought the whole experience was fun. I have never been on a Navy ship before. My favorite part was shooting the 5-inch gun! The nine round salvo was awesome to watch."

On their second day aboard, the Midshipmen were given hands on training on damage control and medical first aid. During damage control training the Mids were shown the three repair lockers, taught to dress out in fire fighting gear, and learned the basics of biological, chemical, and radiological defense. They also learned to administer first aid for the eight basic wounds by practicing on each other using plastic wearable wounds and training first aid kits.

"Damage Control training was my favorite part of my time aboard USS Shoup, especially the chemical part," said Midshipmen (b) (6) (b) (6) from University of Nebraska. "I had never learned anything like it before and was very interested in the real world aspect."

Throughout their time aboard Shoup, the Mids were paired up with an enlisted running mate in order to show them daily life aboard ship and to help them better understand the men and women they will one day be leading. For professional development and to aid in their upcoming warfare community decision, the Mids also met with some of Shoup's junior officers to talk about the transition from college to the Fleet and what to expect in their first few years aboard a ship as a Commissioned Officer.

The Midshipmen also had the rare opportunity to watch Shoup moor to a buoy. The Mids watched from the forecastle and bridge as the anchor chain was lowered and an experienced team on one of Shoup's small boats worked to attach it to a buoy. From the pilot house they learned how worked to approach the buoy with careful calculation to best account for environmental effects on the ship in this precision exercise. Upon completion of the evolution, the Midshipmen were

transported from the ship to a San Diego harbor using Ridged Hulled Inflatable Boats (RHIBs), another exciting experience.

Shoup's outstanding and dedicated crew gave the Midshipmen an insightful look into the Surface Warfare community, which will hopefully prove influential when it comes time for them to choose a warfare community of their own.

"The Surface Warfare Community is the back bone of the Navy; it's a hard working environment that fosters a sense of brotherhood," said Midshipmen (b) (6) from Arizona State University. "I think that is why I'm interested in being a part of it."

USS Shoup Hosts Boy Scouts

By ENS Rhiannon Low, USS Shoup Public Affairs Officer

USS Shoup, Everett, Wash. - Guided missile destroyer USS Shoup hosted 50 boy scouts and 20 chaperones from Troop 711 on Saturday, 25 June. The excited scouts were shown the engineering control station, combat information center, the pilot house, the 5 inch gun and vertical launching system on the forecastle. At each station of the tour the scouts were given a tutorial by a member of the ship's crew who is a resident technical expert in the area. The floor then opened up for questions and answers. Scouts were encouraged to ask anything and everything in order to get a good understanding of the Surface Navy. The crew of Shoup also hosted lunch for the 70 visitors. Scouts were encouraged to sit and talk to the crew to gain a sense of what a day in the life destroyer sailor.

"It was a pleasure to have the scouts onboard! Worlds collided when they brought the joy of childhood to this serious, industrial, military environment; we loved it," said Ltjg. (b) (6), one of the tour guides assigned to take the scouts from station to station. "I'm glad we were able to show America's youth how we do what we do and that we are here to protect them and the nation."

USS Shoup is a guided missile destroyer based out of Everett, Wash. Shoup's mission areas include anti-submarine, anti-surface, and anti-air warfare. Shoup and her crew of approximately 320 sailors recently returned from a deployment to the FIFTH, SIXTH, and SEVENTH Fleet areas of operation.

Honoring Native American Sailors

By ENS Rhiannon Low, USS Shoup Public Affairs Officer

USS SHOUP, Seattle, WA - From Sep. 13-15, Native PTAC (Procurement Technical Assistance Center) hosted its third annual Native American and Veteran Conference and Trade Show in Tulalip, WA. PTAC invited Native American Sailors from the local military installations to participate in the Native American Honoring Ceremony and Luncheon on Sep 15. Operations System Seaman Recruit (b) (6) represented the USS Shoup at the ceremony.

The event's guest speaker was Mrs. Valorie Red-Horse, owner and founder of Red-Horse Native Productions. As huge supporter to veterans and active duty military, she produced several tribally funded documentaries about Native American veterans and their families in WWI and WWII.

"It is the best experience I have had in the Navy so far," said OSSR (b) (6). "I enjoyed every minute of hearing Mrs. Red-Horse's struggles and triumphs to produce films through a true Native American's vision. I respect Mrs. Red-Horse and all that she represents and I truly hope to see her art get the recognition it so greatly deserves."

USS Shoup is a Arleigh Burke Destroyer

Destroyer Escort Association Luncheon Honors USS Shoup

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USS Shoup, Seattle, WA - Sailors from the USS Shoup (DDG 86) were honored at a Destroyer Escort Association Luncheon on 15 Oct. A selection of sailors from all pay grades and specialties attended the luncheon with veterans from WWII, the Vietnam War, the Korean War, and their families. Shoup's Captain, CDR Acevedo, gave a presentation to the Association about Shoup's recent achievements, including highlights from their 2010-2011 deployment.

"The amount of history and experience found at the DESA luncheon was astounding!" said ENS (b) (6), the First Lieutenant in charge of Deck Division on USS Shoup, "I enjoyed hearing the stories learning the history behind destroyer escorts. It was a valuable experience."